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OBJECTS AND SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Delete the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 36 to page 9, line 7 and insert the following:

Other objects and advantages of the invention will become apparent upon reading the following detailed description and upon reference to the drawings, in which:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

FIGURE 1 is a partially schematic side elevational view of a sheet fed rotary printing machine having sheet-guide devices in accordance with the invention; and

FIG. 2 is an enlarged schematic of one of the sheet-guide devices in accordance with the invention.

While the invention is susceptible of various modifications and alternative constructions, a certain illustrative embodiment thereof has been shown in the drawings and will be described below in detail. It should be understood, however, that there is no intention to limit the invention to the specific form disclosed, but on the contrary, the intention is to cover all modifications, alternative constructions, and equivalents falling within the spirit and scope of the invention.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Replace claims 5, 6, 7, 10, 13, 14, 15, 17 and 18 as follows:

5. (Amended) Sheet-guiding device according to Claim 1, characterized in that the plate/film (11) is a relief printing plate.

6. (Amended) Sheet-guiding device according to Claim 1, characterized in that the rotatable blanket/plate cylinder (12, 2) can be positioned in a print off position.

7. (Amended) Sheet-guiding device according to Claim 1, characterized in that the rotatable blanket/plate cylinder (12, 2) can be positioned with a defined printing pressure.

10. (Amended) Sheet-guiding device according to Claim 1, characterized in that in the cracks, gaps or pores in the chromium, aluminium or anodized aluminium